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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of

Administrative Action

MICHAEL HONRYCHS, D.M.D. License No. DI015703

ORDER

Licensed to Practice Dentistry) in the State of New Jersey

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon the application of Michael Honrychs, D.M.D., ("respondent") seeking to reinstate his license to practice dentistry. Respondent's license was temporarily suspended by the Board on April 17, 1997. On September 10, 1997, the Board entered and order suspending respondent from practice for five years, nine months of which was to be an active suspension, retroactive to April 17, 1997. Pursuant to that order, respondent was able to apply for reinstatement in January 1998. Following review of the documents provided in connection with his application for reinstatement, including a report from his treating psychologist,

proof of attendance at NA/AA meetings, proof of negative urine screens, report from an independent mental health examination concerning respondent's current fitness to practice, and proof of continuing education, the Board has determined that respondent may have his license reinstated subject to the conditions outlined in this order. The Board finds that the restrictions placed on respondent's practice by this order are adequate to protect the health and welfare of the public, and that good cause exists for entry of this order:

IT IS ON THIS $/8^{r_1}$ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1998 ORDERED:

1. Respondent's license is restored subject to the restrictions in this Order. Respondent shall not practice as a sole practitioner and agrees to practice dentistry in affiliation with Dr. Dennis McHenry, license # DI 8207, who shall be in a position to monitor respondent's practice of dentistry. Respondent shall provide Dr. McHenry a copy of this Order and any further orders of reinstatement and/or probation. Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that Dr. McHenry prepare quarterly reports detailing respondent's practice of dentistry and specifically addressing his drug rehabilitation. Respondent agrees that Dr. McHenry shall immediately report any relapses or suspected relapses by respondent to the Board of Dentistry within twenty-four (24) hours thereof. Respondent shall immediately report and obtain Board approval before any change in affiliation with Dr. McHenry.

- 2. Respondent shall not prescribe or have access to controlled dangerous substances until further order of the Board.
- Respondent shall have his urine monitored (a.) twice weekly at a laboratory facility designated by the Board to continue until further order of the Board expressly reducing or discontinuing testing. Respondent shall be provided with specific directions for the protocol of the testing procedure and the location of the laboratory facility by the Executive Director of The urine monitoring shall be conducted with direct the Board. witnessing of the taking of the samples as designed by the The initial drug screen shall utilize laboratory facility. appropriate screening techniques and all confirming tests and/or secondary tests will be performed by gas/chromatography/mass spectrometry (G.C./M.S.). The testing procedure shall include a forensic chain of custody protocol to ensure sample integrity and to provide documentation in the event of a legal challenge.
- (b.) All test results shall be provided to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director or the Board, or her designee in the event she is unavailable. The Board also will retain sole discretion to modify the manner of testing in the event technical developments or individual requirements indicate that a different methodology or approach is required in order to guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the testing.
- (c.) Any failure by respondent to submit or provide a urine sample within twenty-four (24) hours of a request will be deemed to be equivalent to a confirmed positive urine test. In the event respondent is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test or

provide a urine sample due to illness or other impossibility, consent to waive that day's test must be secured from Agnes Clarke, or her designee. Personnel at the lab facility shall not be authorized to waive a urine test. In addition, respondent must provide the Board with written substantiation of his inability to appear for a test within two (2) days, e.g., a physician's report attesting that respondent was so ill that he was unable to provide the urine sample or appear for the test. "Impossibility" as employed in this provision shall mean an obstacle beyond the control of respondent that is so insurmountable or that makes appearance for the test or provision of the urine sample so infeasible that a reasonable person would not withhold consent to waive the test on that day.

- (d.) In the event respondent will be out of the State for any reason, the Board shall be so advised so that arrangements may be made at the Board's discretion for alternate testing. The Board may, in its sole discretion, modify the frequency of testing or method of testing during the monitoring period.
- 4. Respondent shall continue in counseling, at his own expense, with a Board approved mental health practitioner at a frequency of one time per week period. Dr. Honrychs shall be responsible for ensuring that the above designated practitioner provides the Board with quarterly reports regarding his attendance and progress in counseling.
- 5. Respondent shall attend support groups, including NA/AA at a frequency of no less than four (4) times per week. Respondent shall provide evidence of attendance at such groups

directly to the Board. If respondent has discontinued attendance at any of the support groups without obtaining approval of the Board, he shall be deemed in violation of this Order.

- dangerous substances except pursuant to a <u>bona fide</u> prescription written by a physician or dentist for good medical or dental cause in his own treatment. In addition, respondent shall advise any and all treating physicians and/or dentists of his history of substance abuse. Respondent shall cause any physician or dentist who prescribed medication which is a controlled dangerous substance to provide a written report to the Board together with patient records indicating the need for such medication. Such report shall be provided to the Board no later than two (2) days subsequent to the prescription in order to avoid confusion which may be caused by a confirmed positive urine test as a result of such medication.
- 6. Respondent shall provide any and all releases to any and all parties who are participating in the monitoring, treating or other program as outlined herein, as may be required in order that all reports, records, and other pertinent information may be provided to the Board in a timely manner. With regard to any requirement for submission of the quarterly reports to the Board, the beginning of the first quarter is deemed to have commenced February 15, 1998.
- 7. Upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board, in its sole discretion, deems reliable demonstrating that respondent has failed to comply with any of the conditions herein, including but not limited to report of a confirmed positive urine,

or a <u>prima facie</u> showing of a relapse or recurrence of alcohol or drug abuse, respondent's license to practice dentistry shall be automatically revoked. Respondent shall have a limited right to apply for removal of the automatic revocation on two days notice to the Board. Proofs shall be limited to contesting the facts upon which the Board relied in ordering the automatic revocation. Any confirmed positive urine shall be presumed valid, and respondent may contest only the chain of custody.

New Jersey Board of Dentistry

Bv:

Valentine P. Bloch, D.D.S.

President